(b) This amount would be used to supply items identified by the Commission, viz. baby food, rice and medicines.

(c&d) India supplied medicines, baby food and milk powder worth Rs. 5 lakhs to Ethiopia in August, 1991. There is at present no proposal under consideration to render similar assistance this year.

Setting-up of National Militia

2713. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set-up a National Militia to fight insurgency, internal disorders and terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Demulsification Plant

2714. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the normal water percentage available in crude oil after demulsification;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the demulsification plant of some wells are not working; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to rectify the problem of demulsification in time?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The normal water percentage in crude oil after demulsification varies upto 1% in the case of light crude oils and as high as 3% or even more in respect of heavy crude oils. To overcome the problem in heavy oilfields of higher Bottom Sediments and Water (BS&W), free water content and salinity of crude, ONGC is setting up a Central Demulsification and Desalting Plant at Nawagam in Gujarat.

Prawn Production

2715. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposals to the Union Government for the large scale production of prawns in the State; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Some of the proposals submitted by Government of Kerala for prawn farming in the State and the decision taken thereon, are as under:

(i) *Kerala Project for Prawn Culture with assistance from Kuwait Fund for Arab Ecnomic Development:*

The proposal for development of prawn culture in 1500 ha. has already been approved and an agreement has been signed between Govt. of India and Kuwait Fund in 1989. Kuwait Fund will be resuming disbursement for this project from 1992-93.

(ii) *Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs):*

The proposal for establishment of three BFDAs in Alleppey, Trichur and Kozhikode was cleared by Govt. of India in Jannuary, 1992.

(iii) *Kerala Prawn Culture Development Project-Phase-I:*

This project proposal submitted by Kerala State Cooperative Federation for Fisheries Development Ltd. (MATSYAFED) to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has been examined and the NCDC is exploring the possibility of obtaining assistance from inter-national agencies as the project involves import of technology.

Imposition of ban on Rallies around India Gate

2718. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to ban rallies and demonstrations around the India Gate in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Implementation of Import/Export Policy by Hydro Petroluem Limited

2719. SHRI GURUDAS KAMT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether import/export policy is being followd by the Hydro Petroleum Limited;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount for which capital goods have been imported during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no such public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Operation Rakshak

2720. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the Operation Rakshak launched in Punjab recently; and

(b) the number of militant hideouts smashed, the number of militants killed / rounded up/surrendered and the details of arms and ammunition seized from them after the launching of the said operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The main features of the 'Operatiuon Rakhsak are to carry out screening of specific areas on specifc infromation, help the administration to curb terrorist activities, boost the morale of the people and to provide security to vital installations.

(b) 592 militaints have been killed, 413 have been apprehended and 8 militants have surrendered, Details of areas and ammunition seized are given in the statement below.

STATEMENT

Weapons Seized:-	
Revolver. 455 bore	1
Revolver. 38 bore	1
Other Revolvers'	23
Pistols 30 bore	7
Pistols 12 bore	1